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Naples, March 16.

BY a Courier arrived from *Catanea*, we have advice, that *Don Diego Bracamonte*, General of the Cavalry, going out with a Regiment of Horſe, and another of Foot, had attacked and taken *Franca-culta*, and two or three places more; upon which, the *French* had drawn out of *Taormina* and other places a Body of Men, with which they came ſuddenly upon the *Spaniards*, and obliged them to abandon the places they had poſſeſſed themſelves of, and to retire with the loſs of 3 or 400 Men. We are told that the *French* have diſcovered a Conſpiracy for the putting the Tower of *Della Motta* into the hands of the *Spaniards*. The Viceroy of *Sicily* was preparing to remove from *Palermo* to *Melazzo*, to be ſo much the nearer to *Meſſina*.

Legorn, March 16. Since the attempt made by the *French* Men of War at *Piombino*, we have heard nothing farther of them; the two *Spaniſh* Men of War that put into *Porto-longone*, are ſailed from thence for *Sicily*, according to the report of the Patron of a Bark arrived from *Mijorca*. Here is come in a *French* Man of War in five dayes from *Thoulon*, by which we have advice, that at *Thoulon* lay eight Men of War ready to ſail, deſigned, as was believed, for *Sicily*; though ſome are of opinion, they are intended for ſome deſign which is kept private.

Copenhagen, March 30. The *Suedes* are at preſent with their whole Force before *Chriſtianſtadt*, which, we fear, will not be able to hold out long, having want of ſeveral things. We have advice that a *Suedes* Caper of 10 Guns, ſome dayes ſince, fell in with a Fleet of *Dutch* Merchantmen near *Katteg tie*, and took three of them. We have juſt now a report that *Chriſtianſtadt* is ſurrendred to the *Suedes*.

Francfort, April 5. The Imperial Troops are marching towards the *Rhine*, and the firſt inſtant the Duke of *Lorrain* parted from his quarters at *Eſtlingen*, on his way towards *Philipsburgh*, and from thence to the Rendezvous of his Troops. This day ſix Companies of Foot, and as many of Dragoons paſſed through this City, taking their march towards *Oppenheim*.

Cologne, April 6. Our Letters from above aſſure us, that the Imperial Troops begin to paſs the *Rhine*, over which ſeveral Bridges are laid near *Wormes* and *Mayence*. From *Suiſſerland* they write, that the Cantons had aſſured the Emperors Miniſter, that they would not permit any more Levies to be made in their Territories for the ſervice of *France* during this War. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* continues ſtill at *Ham*.

Metz, April 5. We have advice from ſeveral parts, that the *Imperialiſts* are drawing together near *Mayence*, upon which the Mareſchal *de Crequi* has ſent Orders to the Troops which are quartered in *Lorrain*, to hold themſelves ready to march upon the firſt Order.

Bruſſels, April 6. On Saturday morning his Excellency the Duke *de Villa Hermoſi* went from hence to *Antwerp*, to meet there the Prince of *Orange*, as he did that afternoon; and after having had a Conference together, his Highneſs continued his journey towards *Bruges*, and his Excellency returned towards this place. We are told that his Highneſs deſign is poſitively to attempt the relief of *St. Omer*, which is now formally beſieged, though we apprehend he will meet with great difficulty in it, becauſe of the badneſs of the wayes between *Ipres* and *St. Omer*, to that degree, that according to our Advites from *Ipres*, they are become almoſt unpaſſable, through the great Rains we have had for ſome dayes paſt. Letters from *Doway* of the 3d inſtant, ſay, that the Outworks of *Cambray* were all in the poſſeſſion of the Beſiegers, who doubted not but in a day or two to be Maſters of the Town; that the Enemy had been much advantaged in their Attacks, by the diſcoveries made to them by a principal Engineer of the Gariſon, who had deſerted, upon ſome difference between him and the Governor; that the King had commanded that no Bombes ſhould be ſhot into the Town; that the Batteries were all finiſhed both againſt the Town and the Cittadel, and played very furiouſly; and this morning we have advice, that the *French* are Maſters of the Town, but that the Cittadel ſtill holds out. Our Letters from *Liege* tell us, that the Gariſon at *Maeſtricht* is above 10000 ſtrong, and that 3000 are daily at work on the Fortifications.

Ditto, April 9. We are here in great impatience to hear from the Prince of *Orange*, who, according to our laſt Advices, was paſt *Ipres*, on his march towards *St. Omer*, being reſolved to hazard a Battel to relieve it. The Town of *Cambray* obtained very good Conditions of the *French*, and the whole Gariſon retired into the Caſtle, as well Cavalry as Infantry, the former killing their Horſes they were forced to leave behind. We hope the Cittadel will make a brave defence. From *Germany* they write, that the Imperial Troops, which together would make about 15000 Men, would paſs the *Rhine*, the 6th inſtant at *Oppenheim* under the command of the Duke of *Lorrain*, the reſt of the *Imperialiſts* remain as yet in their Winter-quarters.

From the Camp before St. Omer, *April* 6. The Duke of *Orleans* having reſolved to attack the Fort *des Vaches*, which covers that part of the Town of *St. Omer* where it is weakeſt, the 29 at night we began to work for the raiſing a Battery, and the making a Lodgment to ſecure it; the following night the Beſieged made a Sally with 400 Men, and attacked the ſaid Battery and Lodgment with great vigor, but the Sieur *d'Albret*, with part of the Regiment of *Navarre*, after a brisk Skirmiſh, repulſed the Enemy, and in this action the Major of the Town, and ſome other Officers were taken Priſoners, within 20 paces of the Counterſcarp, and many others were killed, on our part we loſt not above 20 Men. The ſame day the Duke *d'Aumont* arrived in the Camp with 3500 *Boulonnois*. The 2d inſtant, Monſieur received Orders from the King to open the Trenches, which was accordingly done the 4th inſtant at night, our Troops having before poſſeſſed themſelves of ſeveral Redoubts, and made the neceſſary preparations for their Attacks. The ſame night the Trenches were likewiſe opened againſt